

Kastle Kurrents



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HO, HO, HO, MERRY CHRISTMAS BLAIR ATHOLL

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Karnival Kcreates a Krazy (K?) Atmosphere

As some Sub-camps were reluctantly finishing the pot-scrubbing from their evening meals, others were preparing eagerly for the night-time festivities. At Morrison, the costumes were extremely loud, with a slight Hawaiian feel to them. The Japanese patrol had built the front part to the float, which was a huge Loch Ness Monster, and it comfortably fit fifty scouts within it.

Robertson's float for the carnival was a tartan covered trailer, dragged by a land rover. Unfortunately, unlike the fantastic float from Morrison, this could not fit through the Kastle, into the arena. On this trailer, was a big, big pink Chinese fish. Robertson's costumes had a strange essence about them, most being pink, or fairy based outfits.

When asked about their efforts with the Karnival, Murray sub-camp Aunties and Uncles responded with much enthusiasm towards their (slightly dubious), "environmentally-friendly", "re-useable", luminous, wheelbarrow. Yes, it would seem Murray sub-camp is not quite as "Minted" as they make it out to be. However, unlike Robertson, the Murray float did manage to get into the arena. The costumes were a varied (messy) mixture, with a lot of colourful outfits.

There were many things to do within the Kastle and the arena outside. There was an exciting local band, called Impulse, playing various drum beats and whistles throughout the evening. There were plenty of different stalls with activities and games.

Apart from the stalls and the band, there were a few of the staff in full costume as animals, one a penguin, the other as a gorilla. Anthony Wilson of Fife proceeded to hassle the man dressed in the gorilla suit, as he was certain it was someone he knew personally. Unfortunately for him, it was not the person he thought it was beneath the mask, and healthy amounts of embarrassment followed.

Without being biased, the general feeling of all the (two) Scouts interviewed in the construction of this article, the Morrison float was definitely the best, but this was ultimately to be expected.

Richard Broome and Nathan McConway – Fife – Morrison.

How to speak Northern Irish.

Basics

Hello - What about ye?

How are you? - How's it goin'?

I'm good thank you. - Not too bah mate

Thank You - Aye Cheers

Yes - Aye

No - Nah Mate

She's quite pretty - Aye mate geter bukd

She's not the prettiest - Munter

In the Restaurant

Table for.... - Ah one o'them round'hings

Can I have.... - Gis some.... There

Champagne - Bubbly

Carrots - carhts

Rhubarb - RhubErb

Melon - Them juicy hings

That's awfully expensive - IT'S HOW MUCH!!!

Would you mind leaving quietly - Shut up and get the aout.

For More Information visit the Northern Irish Lads....

A Kind Hearted Notice From Krafts

Arts and Crafts requests all you *BUMS* out in sub camps come and collect your lovely art as we are tripping over it. And we don't want to have to put it in the bin.

The real truth about Irn-Bru!

Facts about Irn-Bru

- First produced in 1901 in falkirk by AG Barr.
- Contains 32 flavouring agents
- Irn Bru is the official sports drink of the Scottish Curling Team
- 26.3 grams of irn bru is sugar out of a 250ml serving
- Scotland is the only country in the world where coca cola is not the top selling drink, irn bru is.
- Irn bru is sold in United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, Gibraltar, Russia, Canada, Norway, South Africa, Singapore, parts of Europe such as Poland, the Middle East, Australia (introduced in 2006), New Zealand (introduced in 2007) and in the United States.

Did you know that here at blair atholl we have already consumed 3000 bottles of irn bru and 2000 bottles arrived this morning?

What does Blair think of irn bru?

"Pretty good cause its scottish" – Holly Palmers Morrison

"Ful of E Numbers!" – Craig Mclean (who has drank 4 bottles so far)

"There is fairy liquid in irn bru and that's what makes it so magical!" – George Inglis Murray

Describe irn bru in 3 words

"Fizzy, orange and scottish" – Micheal Johnston

"Pure dead brilliant"

"World's best drink" – Stewart Muirhead

What does the mighty blair think of Irn Bru?

"Pscodelicly Funk-tastic"

Well it looks as though everyone at blair loves irn bru apart from the people who have to carry the crates – their comment was "Far too much of it!"

Lucy Wormald, Chris Koczy and Mark Gardner, all from Murray (the best sub camp!)



The Service Team—In Action

When you think of camp staff, you think of Sub Camp Aunties, Uncles, Cousins, etc. But the one group that doesn't often spring to mind is possibly this possibly the most important group of staff on the site: The Service Team.

They are the group responsible for everything from cleaning toilets to deciding the layout of the entire site. This afternoon, we talked to the leader of the service team, Graeme Paterson about the various duties of the service team here at Blair Atholl, and he explained that when they arrive on the site, four days before the rest of the staff, it is just an empty field and they have the massive task of creating a campsite for around a thousand scouts and leaders to live in for ten days. They also handle basically all the jobs nobody else wants to do during the camp. These jobs include plumbing, electricity, digging trenches for the showers and toilets, building the site gate and maintenance of all the camp's facilities.

While certain members of the Service team are professionals, such as the electricians, most are just ordinary members of the Scout Association volunteering to help out. Members include Scout Leaders and Network Scouts and some come from as far away as America.

We spoke to Service Team Member Douglas and his co-workers about the upsides and downsides of working in the service team. The best part of the job according to the team members we spoke to is the good banter (Ya Banger!). The downsides to the job caused differing opinions but the general consensus is that they all involve the toilet in some way.

By Arik from MacDonald Sub Camp and Callum from Stewart Sub Camp

From Russia With Love...

Our tourist group is here for the first time so everybody from us is glad to see so picturesque place as Scotland. The nature is very beautiful, high mountings, mountain rivers, large fields and so, everything here is like at home. Every person here is friendly and we do not have problems in talking with them.

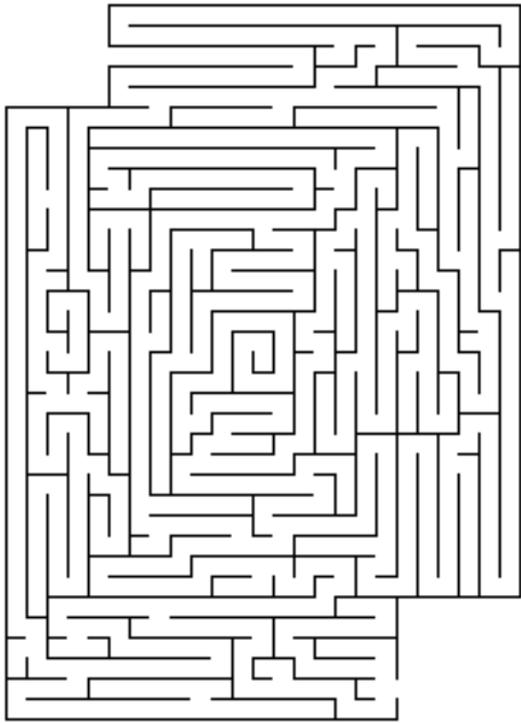
The camp is amazing, we can do different activities. It is so cool to enjoy the activities and to find new friends.

Obviously, it is hard for us, but we think that we will cope with this problem and everything will be OK.

For these two days we have been to many activities and the most unforgettable of them was canyoning. First, we were scared of it but when we made the first jump, we understood that it is really fantastic. The atmosphere was nice and comfortable because of the instructors, who were funny and reliable, so we had a great time there and enjoyed ourselves very much.

The Russian Girls at Morrison Sub-Camp

Ooh I'm Puzzled!!!!



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Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Summertime Anagram

Hidden Word (circled letters):

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b e e f i r s

d g h o o t

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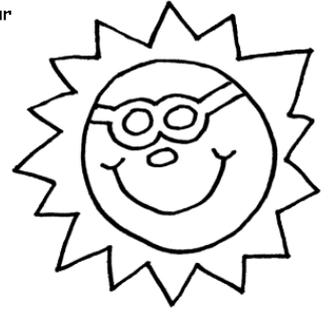
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More Fun Facts

1. A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
2. An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
3. The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds.
4. The fingerprints of koala bears are virtually indistinguishable from those of humans, so much so that they could be confused at a crime scene.
5. Snails can sleep for 3 years without eating
6. Porcupines float in water.

Auntie Freeze Advice Column



Dear Auntie Freeze,
Love has made one of our patrol lazy, they are not pull their weight when we have to do things. What should we do?

Deary me, why not try and help him through his love sick stage by sharing some Iron-bru with him. It will give him the extra energy he needs to be both in love and scrub pots.

Thursday's Solution

7	3	4	2	1	8	6	9	5
5	1	2	7	6	9	4	8	3
9	8	6	5	4	3	2	7	1
2	9	1	3	7	6	8	5	4
3	4	8	1	2	5	7	6	9
6	5	7	8	9	4	1	3	2
1	2	3	6	5	7	9	4	8
4	7	5	9	8	2	3	1	6
8	6	9	4	3	1	5	2	7

Well Let Me Tell You This...

Kurrents reporters were shocked this morning when a respected scout leader, supposed to be in charge of first aid, literally threw a baby at as scout!

Don't worry, it was a dummy.

Reporters also saw a scout who had been impaled with an arrow, another with a broken leg, someone with a nose bleed, and someone whose finger had been chopped off...with an axe.

On a lighter note, these people were all given CPR to the tune of the manamana. Yes, it was "action first aid", the insanely popular and gory kastle activity.

This activity involves made up scenarios being acted out as if they were real, but sometimes doesn't work because people laugh at their friends when they get impaled by an arrow, or have their thumbs chopped off.

The idea is to "see if you're really ready for the unexpected, so if you think you're up to the test, then why not try it out?"

- Stewart Muirhead and Michael Johnston.

Weather Report For Saturday 26th of July

Mainly cloudy with a little rain.

High temperature 21C

Kastle Kountry Fair

On Saturday afternoon there will be a Kountry Fair at the Kastle with Scouts and Leaders from all the countries here at Blair Atholl making traditional food, doing traditional dances and teaching Scouts from all across the world more about their country. The gates will be open for visitors to come in at 1pm with the Kountry Fair starting at 2pm. We hope everyone comes along for what is one of the highlights of Blair Atholl!

Hi Vis Neckies

In 2009 100 Network Scouts from all over UK will be participating in the Three Nations expedition in Mongolia, China and Russia where they will be visiting cultural sites in all three countries and working with UNICEF to help children in the Mongolian capital of Ulaanbaatar. They also hope to help rebuild a Buddhist temple that was destroyed in the Communist purges of the 1930's.



To help raise funds for this trip the Scout Shop in the Kastle are selling Hi Vis Neckies and woggles, priced at £1.50 for woggles and £6.50 for neckies. The neckies come in If you decide you want more neckies and woggles for your troop at home, go to the hi vis website at www.hivisneckies.com

Sub-Camp	Winning Patrol	Camp Chief's Pennant
MURRAY	Fife & Japan	
MACLEAN	N.Ireland & USA Utah	
MACDONALD	Perth and Kinross & USA Ft Worth	X
MORRISON	Gordon & USA Utah	
STEWART	Western Isles & Hong Kong	
ROBERTSON	Forth Valeey & Russia	

Pennant Judges: Camp Chief & David Woodrow

Find Me Somebody to Love.....The lonley hearts of Blair Atholl

Anthony from Murray Subcamp is a young, angry Fifer with curly hair and large pectoral muscles looking for loads and loads of girls. Enjoys beating up smaller people. (Hence the loneliness)

Garry from MacDonald Subcamp with the pet names of Gaza or Wozza is looking for a bird. Description – A young, sexy beast who is up for some straight banter. Is good with cats and enjoys Wheat Crunchies. Can never say no to a bit of Peanut Butter.

James from Murray Subcamp Young dark haired boy with huge ego, A.K.A. “crazy boy” Looking for anything that moves!!!! If interested please contact @ Murray Subcamp --- probably want refuse.

Our mate *Phillip from the Hill Walking Team* really needs a neat, loving woman to sort out him out. This 20 something engineer is a real catch. He is a bit messy and does forget things but he is loyal as and loving as a wee puppy.

Maxine from Canada is looking for a rich Scottish man with a castle. Max can be found in the catering area.

Scott who is lanky, needs plastic surgery, is a great performer and always thinks of himself is wondering why he can't get any interested young ladies

A Satellite Has Landed In Field Not So Far Far Away...

The satellite camp opened Friday with many visitors from all around the country. These visitors will be in camp until Monday. During this time they will partake in various activities on their site as well as the Blair Atholl campgrounds. The Satellite camp is for younger scouts who are too young to attend this year's amazing camp, as well as other explorers who for other reasons were not able to attend the full length. Also after speaking to some of the leaders, they said that it was a good chance for them to participate in the camp, when they otherwise wouldn't have been able to due to work.

The participants are looking forward to meeting new people (including the always interesting overseas females) and are excited for particular events while other people are using simple logic saying "It's a camp, lets go!" For the younger scouts, going to the satellite camp will give them a taste of what it is like to camp at Blair Atholl. The satellite campers will join us for activities on Saturday morning and will also stay and visit the country fair. On Sunday they will attend "Scouts' Own" with the rest of the main camp as well as joining sub camps for a BBQ, hosted by the individual patrols in that sub camp.

As we walked around the Satellite camp we spoke to leaders and participants. Some scouts said it was

Ready Aim Fire

At Blair atholl you may try an old sport called archery. Before when the camp first started they would go hunting. But now a days they do archery just for fun.

In archery there is a big challenge if you hit a target, which is a proximal of 70 meters. If you hit the target u can win at least 6 cans of iron bru.

So far this year there has been no one that has hit the 70 meters target.

There is different kind of arrows. There are 2 kinds. Aluminium that is not pretty light and and carbon fibre that is a lot lighter and faster. The aluminium arrows are stronger than the carbon.

You may find out more information at www.archery.com